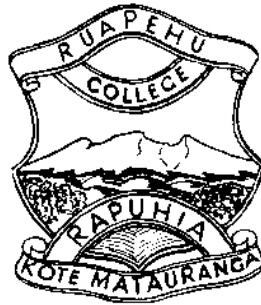


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Newsletter

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Fri 3 May	The Gideon's Assembly for Junior Students
Sun 5—Fri 10 May	Year 10 Camp Great Barrier Island
Tues 7 May	Food Safety and Team BBQ Course Massey University Visit
Wed 8 May	Food Safety and Team BBQ Course Under 16 Rugby season Begins
Sat 11 May	Netball Season Begins
Mon 13 May	NZ School of Tourism Visit
Tues 14 May	Cross Country
Wed 15 May	11 Outdoor Navigation
Thurs 16 May	13 Outdoor Bushcraft

Toastmasters

Prefects and year 12 potential leaders have been meeting at National Park Primary School for an 8 week Toastmasters course on public speaking. The event, organised by Mr Hart has been facilitated by Toastmasters of Taumarunui.

The students have gained confidence about public speaking and have been learning skills as how to actively listen, how to ask questions, use of gesture and body language. They also have to think about the use of voice such as quality, volume pitch and pace. A real skill has been trying not to start speeches with “so and um...”

Students have also followed meeting protocol with students having turns at chairing meetings, taking minutes and time keeping.



Every week the students have homework which is to prepare a speech while concentrating on a skill. The speeches have been varied with topics such as; NCEA should change at level 1, the benefits of CACTUS, the cultural importance of kiwi forever, rugby and being a country bumpkin!

Students will have more opportunity to exercise their skills at Manu Korero, during formal assemblies at school and at other events.

CACTUS

It was another awesome longest day followed by a special graduating ceremony at Waiouru. Thank you to all the staff from the Police, Army and the College who combined together to make this year CACTUS programme another successful occasion.



Constable Willie Aitken presented awards on behalf of the police
 Guts Grit and Determination - Caleb Murphy
 Peer Award – Sam Lyon and Brodie Kahukura
 Top RFL Female – Korbyn Garland
 Top RFL Male – Samuel Lyon
 Most improved participant overall - Levana Paul
 Top overall participant – Samuel Lyon

Lieutenant Colonel Tim Marsden presented awards from the Army for the Longest day.
 Winning Syndicate was Alpha.
 Alpha top student – Legacy Hiroti
 Bravo top student – Korbyn Garland
 Charlie top student – Gabriel Pohatu

Overall top student for the Longest day was – Samuel Lyon

Congratulations to all these students and to all the students who graduated.



Drivers Licence

This week, nine students went to Taihape to sit their learner's drivers licences. Mrs Rauna Te Huia has been coaching the students as part of the work ready programme run at school this year and taught by Deputy Principal, Mrs Marama Allen. "It is a good programme" she said "and even though our students were a bit nervous, it was very good that all nine students passed."

The work ready course will be on offer for all students in the future and have opportunities to gain unit standards credits as well as gather some skills needed for when they get out to work.



Fostering School Spirit

Our school has been working on a number of projects over term one and the year 13 class decided to organise an afternoon focusing on the developing of school spirit. Academic classes were reduced by 5 minutes to give time for the fun events which encouraged participation at all levels.

All the events were outside and it was lucky the weather was fine as activities included a water slide, volleyball, ki o rahi, and opportunities to buy food from a stall featuring sausage sizzles and home baking. Staff participated in events and the tone of the day was very positive. The event did indeed foster positive school spirit.



ANZAC Day Services

Students representing Ruapehu college at the ANZAC Day services in Ohakune and Raetihi

